



Drought Conditions Developing in West Central Texas



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U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	63.03	36.97	5.89	0.18	0.00	0.00
Last Week 7/19/2016	86.88	13.12	1.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 4/26/2016	86.91	13.09	2.28	0.27	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/29/2015	95.48	4.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/29/2015	34.51	65.49	38.32	17.55	6.27	0.00
One Year Ago 7/28/2015	86.45	13.55	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.00

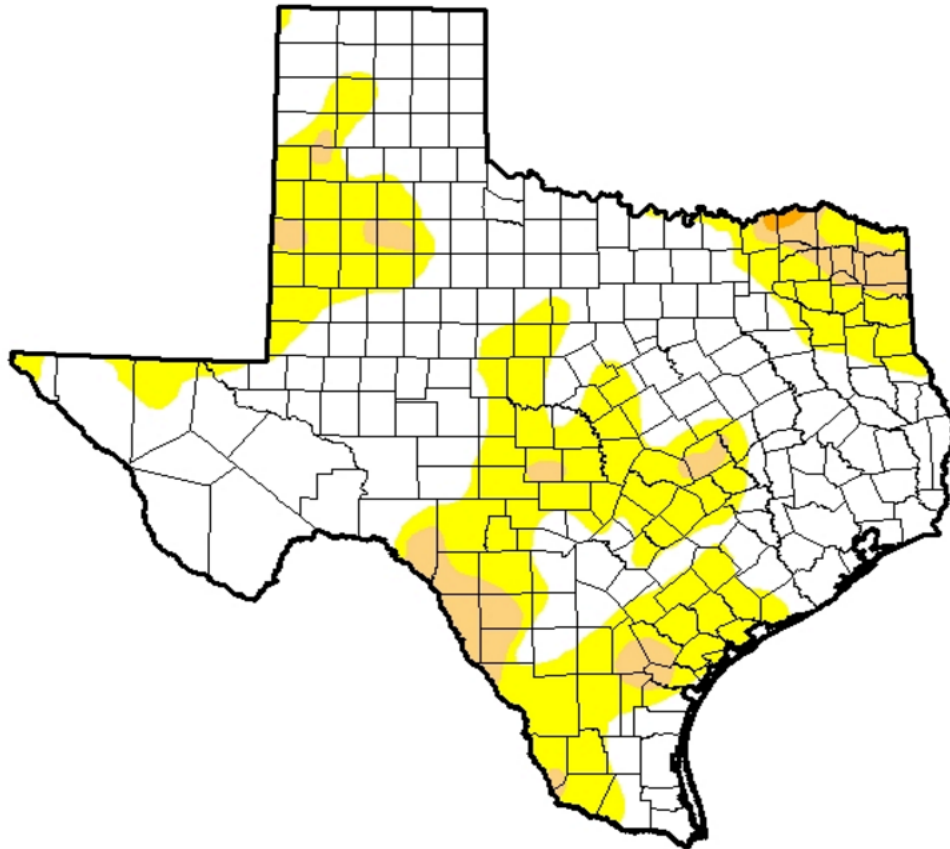
Intensity:

 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought
 D2 Severe Drought	

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

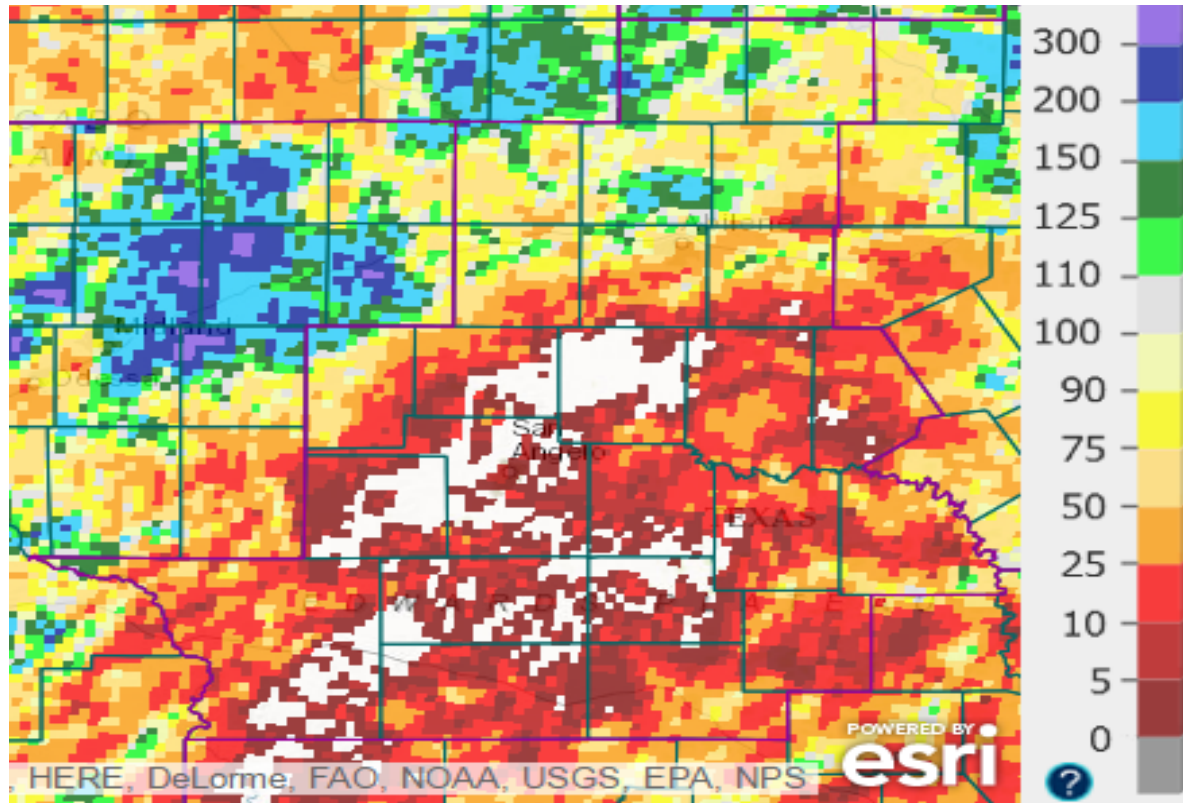
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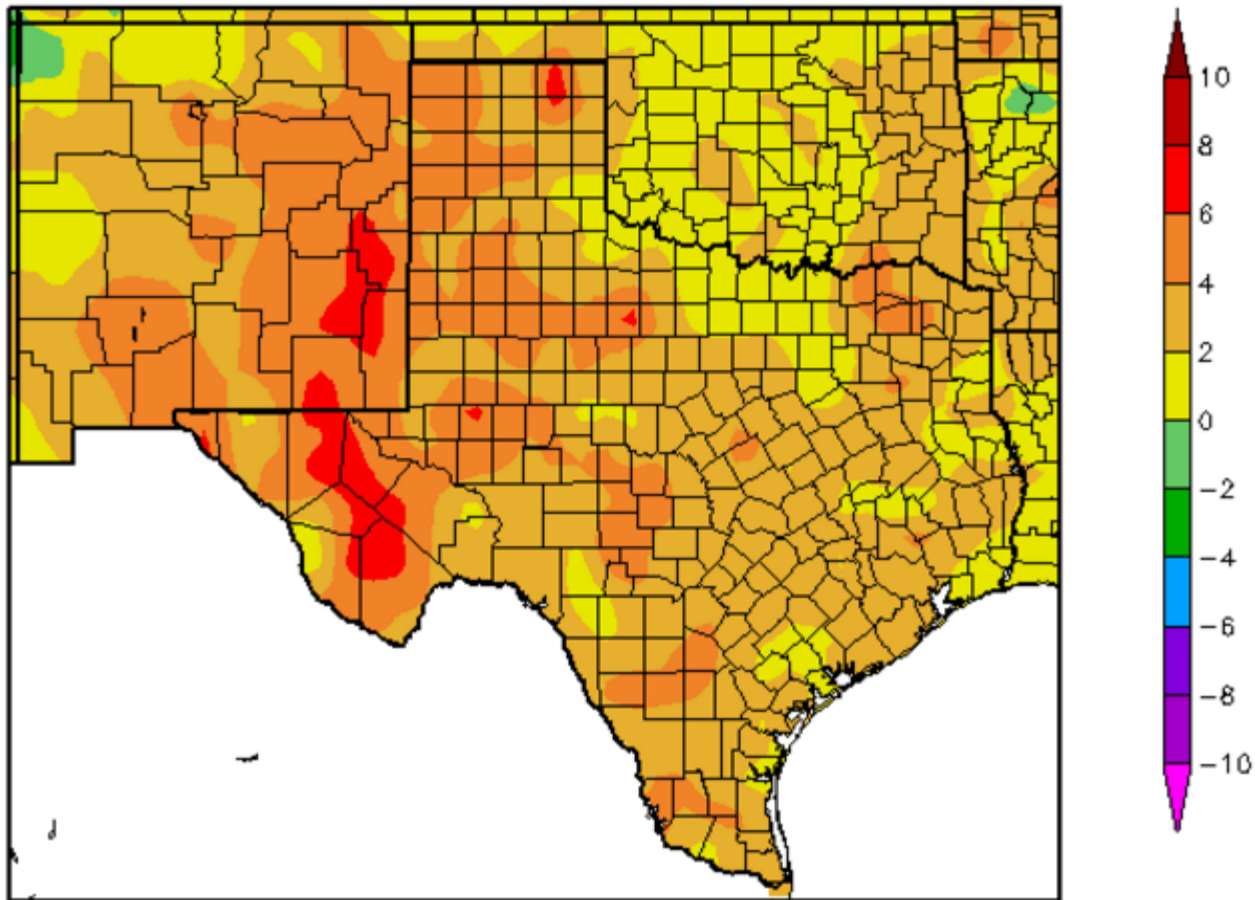
Moderate Drought has developed in Mason County, with abnormally dry conditions across much of the eastern half of West Central Texas.

Percent of Normal Precipitation Since June 30



Rainfall since June 30 has been less than 25% of normal across much of West Central Texas south of Interstate 20. A sizeable portion of the area has received less than 10% of normal rainfall.

Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
6/30/2016 – 7/29/2016



Temperatures have averaged above normal across West Central Texas since June 30.

Map Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center

Effects:

Hot, dry and occasionally breezy conditions have increased the risk of wildfires as grasses and vegetation slowly dry out.

Burn bans have been reinstated for a number of counties, including Tom Green, Taylor, and Brown.

Range and pasture land conditions declining, along with soil moisture.

Some row crops and small grains stressed by the lack of rainfall.

A decrease in area reservoir levels.

Information Sources: Texas Crop and Weather Report from Texas A&M AgriLife and Extension, Water Data for Texas from the Texas Water Development Board, Drought Impact Reporter from the National Drought Mitigation Center.